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Microsoft bundles almost every type of software into their operating systems, and keeps the price of the OS the same.

Sounds a lot like when the Japanese dumped memory chips in the U.S.

Can you tell me where are the other PC operating systems that compete with Microsoft? Linux and FreeBSD don't count.

Where are the Atari 800 and Atari ST machines? Where are the Commodore 64's (or descendants) and the Apple II's (or descendants)? Where is BeOS? Where is GEM? Where is DR-DOS (or descendants)? All torpedoed by OEM contracts and NDAs.

Are you guys too far out of it to do a good job preventing Microsoft predation? Heck, even Kenneth Starr and Robert Bork are more with it than you fellows.

Sorry to be so rude, but I think Microsoft has bought many people off with shares of Microsoft stock. Why else would you do absolutely nothing to prevent the lock-in, warranty-voiding deals that the Office stores provide?

I can't even get a "naked PC" (look it up at www.google.com)... I have to pay a Microsoft tax whenever I buy a laptop. And I strongly dislike Microsoft's buggy beta software.

Thanks for listening.

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